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**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN  
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

**Title of Invention** | **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR OBTAINING ENDOLUMINAL ACCESS**

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
- ☒ Application No. 10/824,936, filed on April 14, 2004,
- ☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: VAHID SAADATApplication No./Patent No.: 10/824,936Filed/Issue Date: April 14, 2004Entitled: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR OBTAINING ENDOLUMINAL ACCESSUSGI MEDICAL CORP., a Corporation

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